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SUBJECT: GOS ATTITUDE RE JOINT ARAB LEAGUE/OAU INVESTIGATIVE
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1. VOA REPORT (KHARTOUM 2259 NOTAL), WHICH EVIDENTLY DERIVED FROM ARAB LEAGUE SOURCE, PLUS ARAB LEAGUE ACTING SYG'S REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITY OF JOINT COMMITTEE WITH OAU "TO RESOLVE LARG-SUDAN DISPUTE" (REFTEL), MAKE CLEAR THERE IS WIDE DIVERGENCE BETWEEN ARAB LEAGUE (AND PROBABLY OAU) UNDERSTANDING OF GOS POSITION AND WHAT GOS ACTUALLY SEEKS IN CONNECTION ITS DISPUTE WITH LIBYA. GOD WITHDREW ITS COMPLAINT TO UNSC IN HOPES THAT OAU, HOPEFULLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARAB LEAGUE, WOULD ESTABLISH FACT-FINDING MISSION TO VISIT BOTH LIBYA AND SUDAN TO LOOK INTO SUDANESE CHARGES OF HEAVY LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN LAST MONTH'S ABORTIVE COUP HERE (KHARTOUM 2071 AND 2107). IN SUDANESE EYES SUCH PROPOSAL WOULD BE EITHER (A) DECLINED BY LIBYA, THUS "PROVING" SUDANESE CHARGES; OR (B) ACCEPTED, IN WHICH CASE GOS BELIEVES MISSION WOULD HAVE SUBSTANTIATED SUDANESE FINDINGS. IN NEITHER CASE, HOWEVER, WOULD LARG-SUDANESE DISPUTE HAVE BEEN "RESOLVED", AND IN LATTER IT WOULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN INTENSIFIED. SUDANESE CHOLER AT BEING DEPICTED AS WILLING RESOLVE DIFFICULTIES WITH QADDAFI WAS EVIDENT FROM TONE FON MINISTRY'S DENIAL OF VOA REPORT (KHARTOUM 2259, NOTAL) NOTABLY IN ITS STATEMENT THAT GOS HAS NO DESIRE "ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC REPLATIONS OR ANY OTHER RELATIONS WITHQADDAFI REGIME".

2. COMMENT: WE INCLINED DOUBT FACT-FINDING MISSPON WILL EVER GET OFF THE GROUND. WHILE OAU EVIDENTLY NOMINATED THREE COUNTRIES TO KHARTOUM AS POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT ARAB LEAGUE IS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN GETTING THREE ARAB COUNTRIES TO VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES. BREWER

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